## PENDING CLAIMS

(Twice Amended) An apparatus for video on demand programs comprising:

 a receiver to receive requests for video on demand programs;
 a network manager, connected to said receiver, to process said program requests; and
 an authorization component, connected to said network manager, to transmit a first

authorization code to enable set top terminals to receive a requested program;

a file server, coupled to said network manager, capable of receiving said first authorization code and a second authorization code, wherein when the requested program is scrambled, the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.

- 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said network manager comprises a processor, connected to an instruction memory, to process said program requests.
- 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests.
- 4. The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
- 5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said requested program is stored in the file server in MPEG format.
- 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said requests for video on demand programs are received from set top terminals.
- 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said authorization component is connected to said network manager by an interface.
- 9. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals comprising:
- (a) a receiver to receive requests for video on demand programs from the set top terminals;
  - (b) a network manager, connected to said receiver, comprising:
- a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an instruction memory and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests;

- (c) an authorization component, connected to said network manager by an interface, to transmit a first authorization code to enable the set top terminals to receive a requested program; and
- (d) a file server, connected to said network manager, capable of receiving said first authorization code and a second authorization code, wherein when the requested program is scrambled, the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.
- 10. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for video on demand programs comprising: an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs; an interface connected to said authorization component;
- a network manager, connected to said interface, to process said program requests; and a file server, connected to said authorization component, capable of receiving a first authorization code to enable set top terminals to receive a requested program and a second authorization code, wherein when the requested program is scrambled, the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.
- 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said network manager comprises:a processor, connected to an instruction memory, to process said program requests.
- 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests.
- 13. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said requests for video on demand programs are received from set top terminals.
- 14. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
- 15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said file server comprises process software to deliver or authorize to receive at least one requested program.
- 16. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said requested program is stored in the file server in MPEG format.
- 17. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for delivering video on demand programs to set top terminals comprising:

an authorization component to receive requests for video on demand programs from the set top terminals;

an interface connected to said authorization component;

a network manager, connected to said interface, comprising:

a processor to process said program requests, wherein said processor includes an instruction memory, and said processor comprises control software to compile, group or count said program requests; and

- a file server, connected to said authorization component, capable of receiving a first authorization code to enable the set top terminals to receive a requested program and a second authorization code, wherein when the requested program is scrambled, the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.
- 18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said requested program is digital.
- 19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said requested program is stored in the file server in MPEG code.
- 20. A method for delivering video on demand programming comprising the steps of:
  - a) receiving a request for a video on demand program from a set top terminal;
  - b) processing at least one received request;
- c) sending a first authorization code to a file server to enable set top terminal to receive a requested program;
  - d) spooling said requested program from said file server;
- e) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program; and f) downloading a second authorization code when the requested program is scrambled, wherein the second authorization code descrambles said scrambled requested program.
- 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the step of processing further comprising:
  - a) counting a period of time;
  - b) receiving additional requests until said period of time expires; and
- c) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program after said period of time expires.
- 23. The method of claim 20, wherein said step of authorizing further comprising authorizing viewing of previews.
- 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising the step of:
  - a) compiling, grouping or counting all said program requests.
- 25. (Amended) A method for delivering video on demand programming comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving a request for a video on demand program from a set top terminal;
- b) processing at least one received request;
- c) sending a first authorization code to a file server;
- d) spooling said requested program from said file server;
- e) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program;
- f) counting a period of time;
- g) receiving additional requests until said period of time expires; and
- h) authorizing viewing or delivering of said requested program after said period of time expires.